6: Senfft--54
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The state of health at the time of my stay there was still so bad that I sent the governmental physician to that island for a longer period. Dysentery seems to be one of the chief causes of death, and the prevalence of this disease can probably be explained by the use of sour toddy; this beverage is made from the axis of the inflorescence of coconut trees. It is very intoxicating and usually produces a desire to quarrel; it is also said to have the effect of an aphrodisiac. I was told that its effect is increased by placing the bottles on the beach in the hot sun and then mixing the juice with salt water.

The number of other diseases is also very high. There are many cases of elephantiasis, eye disease, and paralysis. The report of the governmental physician will treat of matters of health in more detail. Two military policemen have been stationed on the island, and they have been ordered to use all possible means to suppress the use of toddy.

18: German Government--2997 (1903-04) 1905 Woleaians
116, 164, 744 Woleai

The governmental physician was stationed for two and a half months on the Oleai atoll. He found that the state of health on the whole is better there than on Jap. The natives there suffer chiefly from dysentery, as well as gastric and intestinal diseases in general; there are skin diseases, chiefly ringworm, fewer ulcers, and there is filariasis (elephantiasis).

20: German Government--4123 (1906-1907) 1908 Woleaians
116, 164, 744 Woleai

All in all the health of the whites and natives was good. On Oleai an epidemic broke out which in the beginning looked suspiciously like smallpox and which seized almost all the natives. Extensive precautionary measures were taken; the government physician vaccinated all the natives, but determined finally that this was not an epidemic of real smallpox.

41: Bates & Abbott N-5 (1953) 1958
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were tucked in with some old clothes, and seemed contented enough. 000

In general, the people had fine physiques, and seemed very healthy. 142
There was one woman who looked like an albino with freckles, and 164
another old woman had her nose and upper lip completely eroded away, probably from yaws. Yaws was once prevalent in all of these islands, but it yields quickly to penicillin injections and during the [049]
post-war period of American control, the Navy medical service instituted an effective campaign of yaws control.

After the first three households had been completed, the party 125
waded back across the shallow pass to "home" at the Fan Nap for lunch. The weather kept us in for the rest of the day. The sky had 132
been completely overcast all morning, with occasional drizzling rains, but without strong wind. In the afternoon the wind became steadily stronger. It started to tear coconut fronds, even green ones, from the trees, and the coconuts themselves were being blown off in large numbers. Don noticed one coconut fall at an angle of about thirty degrees from the vertical in the wind, and he figured that the wind had the force of eight or nine on the Beaufort scale—gale force.

About four o'clock Maroligar and some other men came around to 132
the Fan Nap and lashed poles and boards across the open western 114
end, where it faced the lagoon. A tent that had been unpacked but not set up was dragged over and lashed to the poles, nicely cutting out the wind and rain and making the interior fairly snug and comfortable. But the noise of the wind and waves outside kept increasing. A typewriter could not be heard four feet away, even in this snug interior. (Ted was typing up his notes from the morning, impervious to typhoons.)

We kept worried eyes on the barometer and on the wildly swaying 123
palms. Men everywhere were out battening down their house walls 132
with matting, and running great ropes from the gables, making them fast to the bases of nearby palms. Maroligar, hovering about the Fan Nap with obvious concern about the guests on the island, made it clear that if things got much worse we should move in to one of the houses farther from the shore.

Then suddenly, about five o'clock, the worryings and speculations 000
were disrupted by a wave of excitement. An airplane had been